

# Board of Tax Appeals

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## Historical Summary

<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2002 Total App</b>	<b>FY 2002 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2003 Approp</b>	<b>FY 2004 Request</b>	<b>FY 2004 Gov Rec</b>
<b>BY FUND CATEGORY</b>					
General	324,300	298,100	321,300	339,000	318,600
Percent Change:		(8.1%)	7.8%	5.5%	(0.8%)
<b>BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE</b>					
Personnel Costs	264,500	239,300	255,300	260,200	258,700
Operating Expenditures	57,800	55,600	66,000	72,000	59,900
Capital Outlay	2,000	3,200	0	6,800	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>324,300</b>	<b>298,100</b>	<b>321,300</b>	<b>339,000</b>	<b>318,600</b>
Full-Time Positions (FTP)	5.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

## Division Description

The Board of Tax Appeals (section 63-3801, Idaho Code) provides taxpayers the opportunity to appeal their ad valorem assessed valuations from a county board of equalization or tax decisions from the Idaho State Tax Commission. The three member Board of Tax Appeals provides an opportunity for appellants and respondents to present testimony and evidence at a quasi-judicial board hearing rather than through a district court trial which can necessitate legal representation and expense.

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## Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
<b>FY 2003 Original Appropriation</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>321,300</b>	<b>321,300</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>321,300</b>	<b>321,300</b>
Budget Reduction (Neg. Supp.)	0.00	(11,200)	(11,200)	0.00	(11,200)	(11,200)
<b>FY 2003 Total Appropriation</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>310,100</b>	<b>310,100</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>310,100</b>	<b>310,100</b>
Restore Budget Reduction	0.00	11,200	11,200	0.00	0	0
<b>FY 2004 Base</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>321,300</b>	<b>321,300</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>310,100</b>	<b>310,100</b>
Personnel Cost Rollups	0.00	2,900	2,900	0.00	3,400	3,400
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	1,000	1,000	0.00	0	0
Replacement Items	0.00	9,600	9,600	0.00	2,800	2,800
Nonstandard Adjustments	0.00	1,200	1,200	0.00	1,300	1,300
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	2,000	2,000	0.00	0	0
<b>FY 2004 Program Maintenance</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>338,000</b>	<b>338,000</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>317,600</b>	<b>317,600</b>
1. Rulemaking Charges	0.00	1,000	1,000	0.00	1,000	1,000
<b>FY 2004 Total</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>339,000</b>	<b>339,000</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>318,600</b>	<b>318,600</b>
Change from Original Appropriation	0.00	17,700	17,700	0.00	(2,700)	(2,700)
% Change from Original Appropriation		5.5%	5.5%		(0.8%)	(0.8%)

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>FY 2003 Original Appropriation</b>	4.00	321,300	0	0	321,300

## Budget Reduction (Neg. Supp.)

The Board of Tax Appeals has absorbed its 3.5% General Fund budget reduction by cutting operating expenditures. Half of these dollars are funds that were transferred by the 2002 Legislature from personnel to operating, after a position was eliminated to meet earlier budget reductions.

Agency Request	0.00	(11,200)	0	0	(11,200)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	(11,200)	0	0	(11,200)

<b>FY 2003 Total Appropriation</b>					
Agency Request	4.00	310,100	0	0	310,100
Governor's Recommendation	4.00	310,100	0	0	310,100

## Restore Budget Reduction

Agency Request	0.00	11,200	0	0	11,200
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The Governor recommends that reductions made in appropriations in fiscal year 2003 not be restored to the budget base.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
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<b>FY 2004 Base</b>					
Agency Request	4.00	321,300	0	0	321,300
Governor's Recommendation	4.00	310,100	0	0	310,100

## Personnel Cost Rollups

Includes the employer portion of estimated changes in employee benefit costs.

Agency Request	0.00	2,900	0	0	2,900
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The Governor also recommends additional funding to be applied to the employee paid portion of health and dental insurance cost increases, in order to prevent employees from experiencing a reduction in take-home pay.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	3,400	0	0	3,400
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## Inflationary Adjustments

Includes a general inflationary increase of 2.4% in operating expenditures.

Agency Request	0.00	1,000	0	0	1,000
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The Governor recommends no increase for general inflation.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
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## Replacement Items

Replacement Items include \$2,800 for a copy machine lease, \$4,500 for a network operating system, \$900 for a new server hardware box, \$800 for a computer server, and \$600 for backup system software.

Agency Request	0.00	9,600	0	0	9,600
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Governor's Recommendation	0.00	2,800	0	0	2,800
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## Nonstandard Adjustments

Non-Standard Adjustments include \$700 for leased office space costs, \$300 for risk management fees, \$200 for State Controller fees, \$100 for State Treasurer fees, and a \$100 reduction in Attorney General fees.

Agency Request	0.00	1,200	0	0	1,200
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Governor's Recommendation	0.00	1,300	0	0	1,300
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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>Change in Employee Compensation</b>					
Reflects the cost of a 1% salary increase for permanent and group positions.					
Agency Request	0.00	2,000	0	0	2,000
<i>The Governor does not recommend new funding for state employee pay increases. Compensation increases may be funded with agency salary savings wherever possible.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
<b>FY 2004 Program Maintenance</b>					
Agency Request	4.00	338,000	0	0	338,000
Governor's Recommendation	4.00	317,600	0	0	317,600
<b>1. Rulemaking Charges</b>					
This enhancement would provide \$1,000 in General Fund money for the cost of administrative rulemaking. This includes \$400 in ongoing funding for annual rulemaking, and \$600 in one-time rulemaking costs for FY 2004 only.					
Agency Request	0.00	1,000	0	0	1,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	1,000	0	0	1,000
<b>FY 2004 Total</b>					
Agency Request	4.00	339,000	0	0	339,000
Governor's Recommendation	4.00	318,600	0	0	318,600
Agency Request					
Change from Original App	0.00	17,700	0	0	17,700
% Change from Original App	0.0%	5.5%			5.5%
Governor's Recommendation					
Change from Original App	0.00	(2,700)	0	0	(2,700)
% Change from Original App	0.0%	(0.8%)			(0.8%)

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## Issues & Information

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### Performance and Other Measures

Selected Measures	FY 2001 Act	FY 2002 Act	FY 2003 Est	FY 2004 Est
<b>1. Conduct hearings in a timely manner</b> 100% of the hearings of those wishing to be heard are conducted by the end of the fiscal year.	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>2. Issue decisions in a timely manner</b> 100% of the Board's cases are completed by the end of the fiscal year (Except those requested to be held in abeyance).	99%	100%	100%	100%
<b>3. Issue decisions in a timely manner</b> The average time between hearing and rendering of the decision is no more than 85 days.	95 days	85 days	75 days	75 days
<b>4. Total Number of Tax Appeals</b>	214	456	475	500
<b>5. Appeals Granted</b>	22	20		
<b>6. Decisions Modified</b>	25	28		
<b>7. Appeals Denied</b>	51	69		
<b>8. Appeals Settled/Withdrawn/Dismissed</b>	115	339		

### Organizational Chart

